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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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SUBJECT: UK TRANSFER OF MACHINE GUNS TO KUWAIT

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED FORMAL REQUESTS TO DEPARTMENT FOR USG APPROVAL OF TRANSFER TO KUWAIT BY UK OF TEN .30 INCH BROWNING MACHINE GUNS ORIGINALLY PRODUCED IN US AND SOLD TO UK SOME 15 YEARS AGO UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROCEDURES. WHILE THIS IS OBVIOUSLY MINOR TRANSACTION AND GIVES US NO POLICY PROBLEMS, WE MUST NEVERTHELESS MEET STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED SECTION 3(A) OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT REGARDING THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS OF FMS-ORIGIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE NOTIFIED CONGRESS IN ADVANCE

THAT WE INTEND TO APPROVE PROPOSED TRANSFER. WE ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO OBTAIN IN ADVANCE ASSURANCES IN WRITING FROM KUWAIT CONCERNING FURTHER TRANSFERS. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN SUCH ASSURANCES, IN LINE WITH FOLLOWING STANDARD TEXT: "THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY THE PROPOSED PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT OF TEN .30 INCH BROWNING MACHINE GUNS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT UNDERSTANDS THAT SINCE THESE MACHINE GUNS WERE PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES AND SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROCEDURES, THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE SALE FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES LAW AND REGULATIONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE MACHINE GUNS WHICH IT PROPOSES TO PURCHASE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. (FORMAL CLOSE)"

3. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN ABOVE ASSURANCES ARE RECEIVED AND POUCH COPY OF TEXT (ATTN: PM/SAS).
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